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Commissioner for Patents
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December 23, 2003

RULE 116 AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2003, the due date having been extended two (2) months to December 23, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants request entry of these into the record, reconsideration and further examination culminating in a Notice of Allowability.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

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